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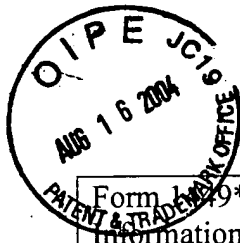
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	WO 88/00459	01/28/1988	Lane	A61F	2/04, 2/02	07/16/1987
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	International Search Report, March 24, 2004 (4 pgs.).